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Saguaro National Park - East Seeking Volunteers for Weed Pulling Project

On Saturday, January 12th, Saguaro National Park will host a work project to remove a patch of buffelgrass, an invasive non-native plant which threatens the Sonoran Desert. Interested volunteers should meet at the park's Rincon Mountain Visitor Center (Saguaro East) at 8:00 am. Please park in the Administration parking lot (first right turn after entering the park, follow to parking area just south of the visitor center parking lot). From the visitor center, park staff and volunteers will carpool a short distance to the Javelina Picnic Area, which is near the work site. Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants and a hat. Bring water and gloves (if you have them). Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers will be working with park staff, and will conclude the day's efforts at 11:30 am. Following the event, snacks and beverages will be provided. If interested in volunteering, please sign-up by calling Bethany Hontz at 733-5187, or in person at the visitor center.